

whom were riding in a car behind them and were, thankfully, uninjured.

Madam Speaker, I am here to mourn the loss of Hannah Congdon. Hannah was known by friends as "constant sunshine." She never said a negative word about anyone and was always smiling.

Bailey Goodman. The girls were headed to Bailey's family cottage on Keuka Lake. Bailey was the team's entertainment, according to her friends, and could always make her teammates laugh.

Meredith McClure. Meredith was known as the team's hardest worker, always the first one to try a new jump or a stunt.

Sara Monnat. Sara was jokingly referred to as the team "boss." She would motivate and encourage her team in an amiable way, and was a born leader.

And Katherine Shirley. Katie loved her friends. She would spend hours putting together scrapbooks and surrounding herself with photos of her and her friends.

I offer my prayers and condolences to the families, friends and neighbors of these beautiful young women who were so violently taken from us.

I also rise, Madam Speaker, to ask that the House pause for a moment of silence in remembrance of Bailey, Hannah, Katie, Sara and Meredith.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members will rise and the House will observe a moment of silence.

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#### COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable ROBERT A. BRADY, Chairman, Committee on House Administration:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 28, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 801(b) of Public Law 101-696 (2 U.S.C. 2081(b)), the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library serve ex officio on the U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission, but each may designate another Member to serve in his or her place.

As Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee for the 110th Congress, I am designating Representative Michael E. Capuano of Massachusetts to serve on the U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission in lieu of myself in my role as Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library, as provided for in Section 801(c) of Public Law 101-696 (2 U.S.C. 2081(c)).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. BRADY,  
Vice Chairman,  
Joint Committee on the Library.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. C.A. "DUTCH" RUPPERSBERGER AND HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JULY 10, 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 28, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER and the Honorable ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 10, 2007.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

#### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 26, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to H. Res. 496, I was elected to the Energy and Commerce Committee on June 19, 2007, to fill the vacancy created by a Member's temporary absence. That Member's temporary absence is over and the Member is able to reclaim his seat. Therefore, I hereby resign from the Committee on Energy and Commerce, effective immediately.

This resignation does not affect my own status of being on leave from the Energy and Commerce Committee, and I will retain my seniority upon returning to the Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

PAUL E. GILLMOR,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following privileged message from the Senate:

In the Senate of the United States, June 27, 2007.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the bill (S. 1612) entitled "An Act to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes.", and that upon the compliance of the request, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make corrections in the engrossment of the aforesaid bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the request of the Senate is agreed to, and S. 1612 will be returned to the Senate.

There was no objection.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, June 28, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with an administrative subpoena for documents issued by the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Education.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

DANIEL P. BEARD,  
Chief Administrative Officer.

#### FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill and a Concurrent Resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1830. An act to extend the authorities of the Andean Trade Preference Act until February 29, 2008.

H. Con. Res. 179. Concurrent Resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

#### HONORING MATTHEW ALEXANDER OF GRETNA, NEBRASKA

(Mr. FORTENBERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, Corporal Matthew Alexander of Gretna, Nebraska, died in Baqubah, Iraq, on May 6, when a improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. He was 21 years old.

Matthew and his wife, Kara, wed on Valentine's Day of this year. Upon his death, Kara said, "Matthew made it his life's work to take care of those he loved. His heart was made of gold. Matt truly was our angel on Earth," she said.

Corporal Alexander was the son of Melvin and Monica Alexander of, Gretna, and the brother of Marshall.

As a young teen, he made clear his intent to serve others in the United States military. At his funeral, in a tremendous outpouring of support from the community, friends and neighbors gave testimony to his kindness and compassion, his dedication to the least among us.

His life and his death are marked by noble virtue. America is forever indebted to corporal Matthew Alexander.